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Dear Ms. Hoover

I have spoken recently with both Ronny Coleman and Mike Richwine. They both indicated that communications with our organization has been minimal and neither had information to report to you or the Statewide Training & Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) and the State Board of Fire Services on the progress of discussions between our two organizations and the development of an MOU as proposed in your letter of March 2, 2011.

Excellence is fully supportive of an MOU between our organizations providing prima fascia compliance and recognition similar to our arrangement with the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE). In fact, a technical working group within our Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) has already been working on the framework for such an MOU and a draft is in the hands of the Commission Chairperson. I have advised the CPC Program Manager to engage with the technical working group to ensure that there is engagement with Chief Coleman and other representatives of the STEAC. You should be receiving a progress report through Chief Coleman very shortly.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Brooks Executive Director





